

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The year 2005 for the Alton Police Department was a busy year. The Department was plagued with on the job injuries where at one time there were as many as three police officers out of work recovering. This truly set us back some and kept us from doing the extra special services we normally perform each year outside of just answering Calls for Service. As the year 2005 came to a close the police department continued to have two officers out on leave as a result of injury, however both of these officers are expected to be back on full time duty in the later part of January. In the meantime, work shifts have been adjusted to cover work volume and we continue to go forward hoping that the year 2006 will bring less injury. The good news is that while other police departments experience record turn over numbers our officers are staying longer and are more experienced than any other time in our history.

We also are thankful that the Officer involved shooting, that happened in November, turned out well in that lives were saved. The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office along with the State Police Major Crimes Investigation Team both remarked at how well the Alton Police Department's Officers were trained, and that the Department itself was very professional. I want you all to know that this is a direct result of your past support and commitment as Taxpayers to your public safety agencies. I can't thank you all enough for the continued support, and given the 10 plus years I have been your Chief of Police, I can attest that your investment in your police officers has truly paid off time and time again.

As the Town grows, we here at the police department realize that your concern for good service at the lowest cost possible is a priority. We will continue to take one step at a time to make sure we meet the demands of growth while keeping the Department's Operational Budget at a reasonable cost level. In the future with the addition of the new Hannaford's shopping complex and the continued popularity of Alton as a place to raise a family, that eventually additional manpower and building costs for the police department will become a reality that will be brought before you all as a question to the Taxpayers at the voting booth. I ask that as these cost factors come to light that you as a Taxpayer exercise your right to freely give us a call or even drop by for a visit to ask questions. I truly want to, and look forward to answering any questions you may have and to talk to you about your concerns, because all too many times people get bogus and exaggerated information through the grapevine. There is no question that is too little, stupid or not important, except for the one that is never asked. Your feedback and dialogue is how we plot our direction as a police department to better serve the whole community. So I again ask that you please call, ask questions so that the information is factual and not part of a rumor. You can contact me personally as your Chief of Police at NHTinman101@Yahoo.com. We depend on you as your police department and we work for all of you. I want to thank you again for a great year.

Respectfully submitted,

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